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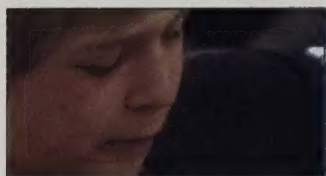
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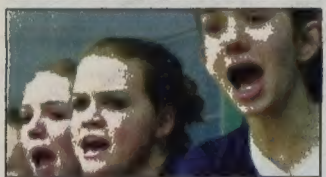
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Property owners may see taxes decrease

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Despite the dire warnings of massive increases in property taxes because of the huge jump in assessments, Minden Hills council is hopeful that most of its permanent and seasonal residents will see a decrease in their taxes this year.

Council is proposing a 29 per cent cut in its property tax rate with no reduction in services or cuts in programs.

If the county can come through with a zero per cent increase in its tax rate, coupled with a 10 per cent drop in the education tax rate, the reduction should offset most of the impact of increased property values, says Councillor Peter Oyler, chairman of the municipality's finance committee.

"Anyone in Minden Hills facing assessment increases of zero to 42 per cent will recognize a decrease in overall property taxes this year," Oyler said at Tuesday's special budget meeting. "If they have an increase above 42 per cent they'll see a respective increase."

Since the average assessment increase for shoreline properties in Minden Hills was 35 per cent, compared to a 20 per cent increase for non-shoreline properties, most ratepayers will probably agree with council that this is a "good news budget."

However, it should be noted that the budget is still in its draft stages and has not yet been approved by council.

The cut in the tax rate is largely thanks to a reduction in how much the municipality will have to pay consultants. Last year consultant fees were high as the municipality faced huge problems with its landfills. Now, many of the changes proposed by the consultants are being put into effect and the consultants aren't needed, resulting in a \$175,000 drop in spending.

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A kaleidoscope of talent

Senior skater Ashleigh Schollig, 16, of Minden plays around with one of the younger skaters at the Minden Skating Club's Kaleidoscope carnival on Friday. More photos on page 3.

Lutterworth water woes continue

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The bylaw has been passed but problems surrounding the costs of the Lutterworth Pines' water system may be a long way from being settled.

Following a public meeting about the water system, attended by approximately 20 residents from Lutterworth Pines, Minden Hills council passed a bylaw establishing the annu-

al flat rate user fee for the system at \$500, which is \$160 less than previously expected.

But the new bylaw may be the tip of the iceberg. There remain two potential sources of controversy.

Firstly, Craig Birchall, a resident of Lutterworth Pines and the appointed spokesperson for the residents, told council that the residents were upset to learn of their

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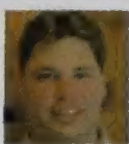
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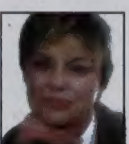
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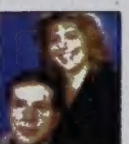
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Minden water users will subsidize Lutterworth

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water systems' developments through second-hand sources.

"We are very concerned about the apparent lack of communication going on here in council," Birchall said. "Everything we hear is coming second-hand from various sources and we should be directly involved and have our say with the township."

Since the residents in attendance at Thursday's meeting left before council made its decision (and were not encouraged to stay by council), it appears as though, once again, they will learn of their developments first through the *Times*.

The second problem awaiting council may not come from the residents themselves but, instead, the users of the town of Minden's water system. Their reserve funds, for the time being, will be used to subsidize the system of Lutterworth Pines until the operating costs of the latter are recovered by the users in years to come.

Initially, at \$660 per residence the operating costs of

the Lutterworth Pines system (an estimated \$17,000 to \$20,000 annually) would have been paid exclusively by its users, as is done with Minden's water system. At only \$500 per residence, there is only \$15,000 collected from the system's users, leaving a \$2,000 to \$5,000 deficit. Also, the Lutterworth Pines system is already approximately \$7,000 in debt because the Ontario Clean Water Agency, the township's water contractors, have been running the system since November, when the Ministry of Environment ordered the township to take control of Lutterworth's system.

Council intends to find the funds to make up the deficit from the town of Minden's water reserve fund, money that was collected from the users of the town's system.

"It is supposed to be a user-pay system," said Councillor Clayton Cameron who was emphatically opposed to lowering the proposed annual flat rate from \$660 to \$500. "If you delay [the costs] this year, next year they will have to pay more to cover this year's [remaining] costs and next year's costs."

Councillor Ron Buchanan supported the subsidy, suggesting that eventually Minden Hills would have to consolidate its utilities.

"I think we are avoiding the inevitable," he said. "We are one township and we can't expect these small communities to pay these costs. They will go up in the future."

Councillor Rick Ratcliff, after agreeing that utilities should be user pay, also suggested that blending utilities might be necessary.

Councillor Peter Oyler, who is also chair of the finance sub-committee, voted with Cameron against lowering the proposed rate.

Initially, Oyler offered an interesting point in support of

Reeve Jim McMahon's suggested \$500.

According to Oyler, preliminary budget figures tentatively show a decrease of the municipal portion of the tax rate of 28 per cent. Given that the education portion is also decreasing by 10 per cent and that the county's portion is likely to increase only five to ten per cent, property taxes will likely decrease for the average home in Minden Hills.

By Oyler's calculation, the average home assessed at \$100,000 in 2005 (which paid \$945.13 in taxes in 2004) will pay \$260 less tax this year than last year. Therefore, at a \$500 annual flat rate, the net cost to the average home assessed at \$100,000 would be \$240, similar to what users of the town's water system pay.

Given that proposed tax rate reduction, the ratepayers of Lutterworth Pines will likely experience a lower tax in this year's budget.

"Their taxes are going to go down, and that eases the pain somewhat," Oyler said.

He later voted against the \$500 annual flat rate because he, like Cameron, feels that no one but the users of the Lutterworth Pines system should pay for its operational costs and, he noted, \$500 does not replace the reserves needed to subsidize the system.

At the end of the discussion, a recorded vote was held to establish the annual flat-rate user fee of \$500. Councillors Ron Buchanan, Rick Ratcliff and Ingram Wessell voted in favour, as did Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Reeve Jim McMahon. Councillors Clayton Cameron and Peter Oyler voted against the bylaw.

Once council had passed the \$500 annual flat rate, however, only Cameron voted against taking the excess funds needed from the water reserve fund.

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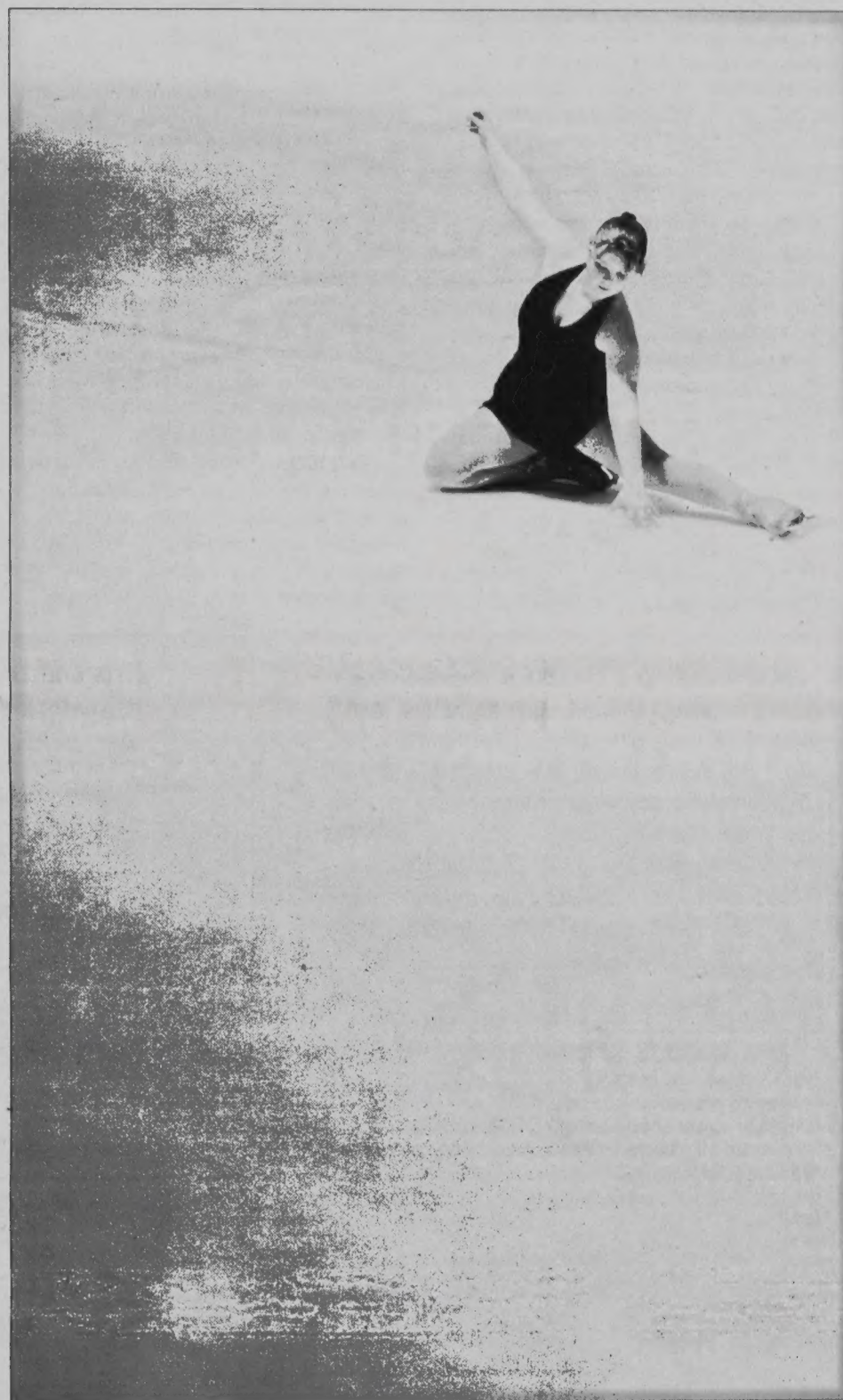


Carnival skaters dazzle

On Friday night the Minden arena was transformed for the Kaleidoscope figure skating carnival, a showcase of our area's most talented skaters.

Clockwise: co-coach Janene Greer shows her satisfaction at a show well done; skating to *Brown Eyed Girl*; Sandy Beckford in *Black Velvet*; Lori Beckford and Janene Greer watch from behind the curtain; Jena Bailey waits backstage to perform *Lady in Red*; and, in the crowd, Shelby Perrin cheers on her friends.

Photos, Casey Lessard





Let the maple syrup pour

Keith Hill of Lochlin blends up pancake mix that Russell Baker, of Lochlin is getting ready to cook at the Lochlin United Church Maplefest Saturday. Meanwhile, on the right, Lois Rigney of Canning Lake hands off sausages while Chris Hill of English Bay waits to deliver an order.

Conflict of interest at council, but not what was expected

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The draft pits and quarries bylaw did not make an appearance on the Minden Hills council table last Thursday. There was, however, an issue about conflict of interest all the same.

Early in the meeting, during a usually routine practice of accepting the minutes of the previous meeting, Councillor Peter Oyler asked for a recorded vote to accept section 5c) of the minutes from the March 9 committee of the whole meeting.

Oyler, careful not to name names, said he believed a member of council had a pecuniary interest not declared at the pre-

vious meeting and that he could not support the one item in the minutes pertaining to the perceived interest.

The item in question is a report from the roads superintendent, Kevin Hill, indicating tenders received for equipment rentals. A tender for the use of a tri-axle truck and a one and a half yard excavator was received from Ingram Wessell and Sons, owned by Councillor Ingram Wessell.

Wessell did declare his pecuniary interest in a previous item on the agenda, 5b) which was also a review of tenders received for aggregate supply.

In an unusual turn of events, five of the

six voting members of council voted with Oyler not to accept the item from the previous meeting's minutes. Wessell abstained from voting, while Councillor Clayton Cameron voted in favour of accepting the minutes, saying, "The minutes are an accurate reflection of what

took place at the meeting."

Wessell had expected to declare a pecuniary interest when council discussed the proposed quarry bylaw because he owns a quarry. He feels, however, that many of the rules are onerous and wants to be able to express an opinion.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Turn cottage life into a community

AT LAST WEEKEND'S COTTAGE LIFE SHOW in Toronto, the number of people who walked away with a copy of the *Minden Times* was a reminder of how much activity is taking place down our back roads. More than half the visitors who dropped by the booth operated by the *Minden Times* and *Haliburton County Echo* had cottages somewhere along the Highway 35 corridor. Gull Lake, Mountain, Boshkung, Kushog...

Two-thirds of our property owners are cottagers. Some have been coming up for decades and feel deeply rooted in Highlands life. Their attachment to the land and the people who share it with them runs deep. They have their favourite places, favourite stores, favourite pastimes. (It's amazing how many people cannot drive up Highway 35 without stopping for ice cream at Kawartha Dairy. No matter what the season or time of day they instinctively pull in.) Others are just establishing their presence here, trying to make the shift from urban to rural life and wondering how they fit into life in this beautiful land.

As permanent residents our challenge is to make such a disparate group of people feel like Highlanders, to give them a sense of kinship and belonging. Obviously cottagers already love the land since they are willing to make the financial sacrifices necessary to own a piece of it. But they need to feel part of the community, too, which is difficult when "neighbourhoods" are strung out along hundreds of kilometres of shoreline. It's even more difficult when you realize that once they get to their cottage they're loath to leave it. Why spend any more time in a car?

Muskoka forges a sense of community partly through snobbery. There's a cachet to saying "my cottage in Muskoka..." The towns there are also often more quaint than those in the Highlands, imbued with a sense of history carved into those granite rocks. Wealth has given Muskoka the added patina of success.

Here in the Haliburton Highlands it would be easier to create our own sense of identity if we start believing in ourselves a little more. We have nothing to apologize for - "Sorry, we're not Muskoka but..." - and much to be proud of. Stop thinking about what we don't have and concentrate on how much we have to offer.

This weekend, everyone should get in their car and instead of driving to the mall in Barrie or Lindsay, they should take a tour of some of those roads that snake off Highway 35. Discover what it's like to be a newcomer, to feel the excitement of never knowing exactly what beauty is to be found around the next corner. Get a sense of this land, not as a place to live and work and raise a family but as a place that offers refuge from all of those worries and concerns. Put yourself in the shoes of a cottager and try to understand why that second mortgage is a necessity, not a luxury.

It's sometimes not easy to live in a place where other people come to play. There can be resentments, envy, especially since owning a home on the lake is becoming an impossible dream for many local families because of rising property values. But negativity won't bring prosperity to the Highlands. Nor will it allow cottagers to experience that sense of community that makes life here so incredibly rich.

We are the Haliburton Highlands and we're happy for it. Let's make sure everyone feels the same way.

— Martha Perkins



IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

In the hoop

Photo by Casey Lessard/*Minden Times*

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Alternatives to federal funding for CAP sought

To the Editor:

This is an invitation to your readers to attend a consultation on shaping the future of public internet access in Haliburton County. It will take place between 1 and 3 p.m. this Friday, April 7, at the Minden Cultural Centre.

The funding for the current federally-sponsored Community Access Program (CAP) has ended and there is no indication that the plan for the next stage, which was being considered by the last government, will be implemented. County council, the holder of the current contract with

Industry Canada, has indicated support for public internet access but has asked, in the light of severe budget demands, that a plan be created that would make the program essentially more community-based and community-driven.

Current library policies prohibit anything but research on library computers. Public access to e-mail and other online services is unavailable to a large part of Haliburton County except through the computers supported by the CAP program. The equipment, connectivity and supplies for at least a year are largely in

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IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Donkeys make better wives?

RIGHT NOW there's a bit of controversy happening in a backwoods province of northern Pakistan and it involves a school textbook that compares wives to donkeys. To add even more insult to injury, it concludes that donkeys might actually make better wives because they at least remain loyal and won't run home to their families.

I won't even dignify this drivel with a comment.

But I don't think I'm missing the point when I say that this just illustrates the kinds of difficulty that donkeys encounter in many parts of the world. Yes, I'm sure some of them are loyal and many are good homemakers but that doesn't mean all of them are. Furthermore, that generic statement insinuates that family ties are not nearly as important to donkeys as they are to us.

All this raises the question: when are we going to stop dealing in these hurtful and outdated stereotypes? When

are we going to start placing value on our fellow beings?

The modern donkey is, after all, not just a beast of burden any more. She's no longer just a smiling animal wearing nothing but a sombrero who we can pin mismatched tails onto at will. There's more to her than that, darn it.

No doubt, the author of that Pakistani school textbook probably still believes that all donkeys just sit around the beauty salon getting their hooves trimmed and tails braided while trading recipes and gossip. Of course, modern donkeys are far too busy leading productive lives to do this sort of thing.

Wake up and smell the roses people. Right now, even in neighbouring communities, many donkeys occupy posi-

tions of great responsibility and importance. I know several whose job it is to provide security for big flocks

of sheep, keeping coyotes at bay. Others are playing professional baseball or starring in Walt Disney productions.

The modern donkey does not need to get married to be a whole animal. They do quite fine on their own, thank you. I believe someone once said, "A donkey without a bicycle." If you ask me, that clarifies everything.

I know that my readers are not used to seeing me take this sort of hard

stand on an issue but I'm just a little infuriated by it all. Who would have thought that people still think this way in 2006?

I guess the whole story reminds me that there is still systemic discrimination in many societies and it is the

sacred duty of a good columnist to spot and shed light on these horrible injustices. There is simply no excuse for missing the mark.

I'm ashamed to admit that we'll accept donkeys in seedy Tijuana nightclubs but still refuse them places in the National Ballet of Canada. Likewise, not one works at this newspaper. And when was the last time you saw a donkey at the country club, golf course, or theatre?

Exactly what are we afraid of?

The bottom line is that every donkey is an individual with untapped potential. But does that mean that they'd make a better a wife than say, a horse, goat or llama or panda bear? I'm not an educated man but I figure to teach this stereotype to school children is quite possibly wrong.

If only the educator who wrote that book and the school board that approved it had given the issue this much thought. Then again, what do you expect from a bunch of jackasses?



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

One thousand and one questions

ALMOST EVERYWHERE you stand on the 50 acres that I call Sapsucker Ridge, you will find yourself surrounded by sugar maples.

The land moves from north, where my cabin sits, to south in rumples, like a blanket tossed carelessly over a bed.

There is a low, wet valley at the front, a soggy bottom, a beaver pond that is part of a chain of ponds that finally empties into the Gull River and, furthest south a creek, with rising land in between.

There are softwoods beside the creek, stands of soft maples and yellow birch near the ponds, scattered ironwoods, beeches, basswoods, poplars, ash tree, but mostly there are sugar maples.

It seems like a special place to me but how special is it, really?

Is there anything on my property that should matter enough to the world at large to make it worth preserving? Should the township or the county identify it and protect it in their official plans?

For that matter, is it worthy of the special attention of the new Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, which I wrote about a couple of weeks ago in this space?

To answer those questions, we need context, a sense of what we have and what most needs saving, which is why

the trust's first big undertaking has been something called the Natural Heritage Inventory Project.

The first phase of the project, bankrolled by \$14,660 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, wound down at the end of March and funding is still being sought for the second stage, which would have run through August.

Brenda VanSleeuwen, a geographer and environmental scientist, had been working since December with four Trent

University students under the U-Links program in office space provided by Fleming College's Haliburton campus.

The first stage of the project sorted out the jumble of information already out there, both in government files and in the minds of naturalists, on the county's landscape and animal and plant life, and identified "natural heritage" features.

Her team also made a start on the project's second stage which would decide which woodlands, wetlands and habitats need protection.

Brent Wootton of Gooderham has been spearheading the project for the Land Trust.

The project's first and second stages are only a preliminary round intended, says Wootton, "to raise 1,001 ques-

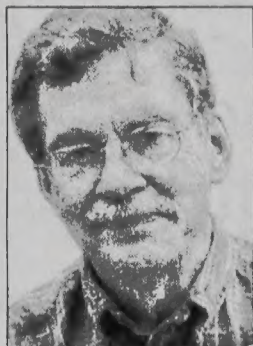
tions" that could only be answered by a much grander study that would need several hundred thousand dollars in federal or provincial funding.

Wootton's dream would produce an atlas incorporating both the results of the Natural Heritage Inventory and cultural and historical material gathered under the direction of a pair of Trent professors a decade ago.

Similar inventories are being taken in various parts of Ontario, notably on the Muskoka River watershed and in The Land Between, which runs along the south edge of the Canadian Shield from Georgian Bay through the Kawarthas.

These inventories are more than just intellectual exercises. Provincial policy saddles local governments with the job of identifying and protecting significant woodlands and wildlife, which is tough to do until you know what you have.

The pressure on our local politicians to make the right decisions will grow as our landscape fills up with people.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

The 5,000 or so folks expected to turn their cottages here into retirement homes over the next five years can only put more stress on our most vulnerable geography, our lakeshores.

Establishing ecological priorities is a little more complicated here than in the urban and agricultural territory to the south and west of us, where choices are limited and obvious.

It's easy to decide what to protect around, say, Windsor. You don't need to judge the quality of whatever hasn't been ploughed or paved; there's little enough left there that is natural, so you just try to save it all.

So much of Haliburton still seems wild that you might think we have more choices, but the county's looks are deceptive, says Wootton.

For example, old logging practices, now illegal, might make some woodlands worth saving more than others. Some forests are in ruins.

Wootton figures the only significant stand of old-growth hemlocks left in the county is near the Frost Centre.

Wildlife corridors may seem trivial in country where the only thing separating most wooded wildlife habitats is more trees but not all trees provide the natural food sources animals need along the way.

It is identifying those special places that is at the heart of the Natural History Inventory Project's work.

Ways must be found to guarantee internet access for all

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place. What is required is a plan that will make community access sustainably flourish here.

This is short notice but this meeting offers an opportunity to spend some time with Dr. Randy Stoecker, a professor of Rural Sociology at the University of

Wisconsin, who is making a second visit to Haliburton this week. He is in the county in connection with the U-Links Centre's community-based research program. Among his fields of interest are community development and information technology. He has kindly offered to make himself available on Friday after-

noon.

A look at his curriculum vitae at <http://comm-org.wisc.edu/stoeckerfolio/stoeckvita.htm> will indicate why this is a rare opportunity to get new insight into issues and new directions for our communities and internet technology.

If you are unable to attend on Friday

but have ideas, comments or thoughts on supporting or expanding public internet access in Haliburton, please contact the writer.

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Minden Curling Club honours top curlers



The Minden Curling Club held the finals for the evening mixed leagues on Thursday, Mar. 23. The winners for both Thursday and Friday mixed leagues were presented the following awards. Thursday Mixed League winners of the Home Hardware Trophy: Scotty Boyd, Jane Boyd, Steve Robson, Audrey Robson



Thursday Mixed "B" Playoff winners: Ed Brown, Sue Ripley, Karen Colliss, Alf Trotter



Friday Mixed League winners of the Madeline Thomas Memorial Trophy and Friday Mixed Playoff winners of the Motel Minden Trophy: Patti Prentice, Bob Hall, Carol Alain, Paul Prentice



Friday Mixed "B" Playoff winners: M.J. Irwin, Colleen Vassos, Robert Vassos, Russ Duhaime



Thursday Mixed Playoff winners of the Dollos IGA Trophy: Scotty Boyd, Jane Boyd, Bert Kennedy, Jean Broesma

Carnarvon bowling scores

Tuesday Afternoon, March 28
 High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Lillian Mattsson 178
 High Single: Ken Thompson 266; Lillian Mattsson 230
 High Single HC: Ken Thompson 276; Lillian Mattsson 268
 High Triple: John Pugh 647; Lillian Mattsson 592
 High Triple HC: John Pugh 746; Lillian Mattsson 706
 Tuesday Night, March 28
 High Average: Ken Thompson 214; Marlene Robinson 194
 High Single: Peter Heibert 288; Liz Mahaffy 233
 High Single HC: Peter Heibert 338; Arla Pollard 296
 High Triple: Peter Heibert 743; Liz Mahaffy 553
 High Triple HC: Peter Heibert 893; Viola Cook 766
 Wednesday Afternoon, March 29
 High Average: Ken Thompson 213; Carol Snow 171
 High Single: John Pugh 222; Maria Tschida 225
 High Single HC: John Pugh 258; Maria Tschida 303
 High Triple: Ken Thompson 627; Maria Tschida 535
 High Triple HC: Fred Phipps 719; Maria Tschida 719
 Thursday Afternoon, March 30
 High Average: Ken Thompson 217; Josie Cheesman 168
 High Single: Ken Thompson 248; Bev Alexander 201
 High Single HC: Bob Webb 270; Bev Alexander & Helen Skelding (tie) 252
 High Triple: Ken Thompson 669; Shirley Webb 524
 High Triple HC: Jack March 723; Helen Skelding 684


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Sabres beat Storm in squeaker

'Max puts the puck where Granny puts the peanut butter cookies'

The Highland Storm C.R.S./Rodco Enterprise Midget AEs were down two games to none when they headed down to Exeter in the OMHA finals on March 25.

They could not allow the Sabres a win if the Storm was to become the all-Ontario champions in this three-out-of-five series.

This Storm team had stepped up to a higher level of play in early December when they defeated the Millbrook A team.

Since then, and up to the start of this series, the Storm had won 20 of 21 games.

The drive from their hotel in Stratford to the arena in Huron Park was like a drive across the prairies. It was farm after farm and as flat as a pancake.

The rink was packed (the 50/50 was \$350) but the Storm boys were determined to stay focused to the task at hand.

As in Game 2, the first period was scoreless but at 10:32 of the second period Max "Turbo" Ambridge followed up Devin Hunter and put the puck up where Granny keeps the peanut butter cookies. At the 4:10 mark of the same period, with the "D" just putting the puck on the net, Devin Hunter scored with an assist going to Robert Chapman.

In the third period, with a complete team effort of no penalties and no goals allowed, goalie J.D. Crowe and the boys shut down the South Huron Sabres and took the capacity crowd out of the game. With an

empty net goal, this gave the Northern Boys the game 3-0 and meant there would be a game the next day in Exeter.

The Sabres came out with more of a jump on Sunday and, at 7:55 of the first period, with some down low cycling of the puck, they took the lead. Then at 12:35 of the second period they made it 2-0.

Sometimes you can be beat by your own emotions. It has been said that the most difficult thing that you will have to deal with in your life is your emotions. The Storm lads came out in the third period more focused and at the 8:11 mark they cut the lead down to 2-1.

But then Mac Potter in the South Huron net shut the door.

With the goalie out, the Storm stormed the Sabres' net but it wasn't to be, as the Sabres scored an empty netter to win the game and series 3-1.

This was a very, very close series. The Storm team allowed only four goals after the second period in Game 1. That is four goals against in 10 periods of hockey.

The parents, fans and sponsors were very supportive of this team and the coaching staff and the players would like to thank them for allowing them to have a lot of fun throughout the year.

Up to December 10 this team had 11 wins, eight losses and three ties. That's a GAA of 2.96 and a winning percentage of 568.

But from December 10 to the end of the season they had 21 wins and four losses. The GAA was 1.60 and the winning percentage was 840.

The team obviously improved throughout the year as the players matured and developed into better young men.

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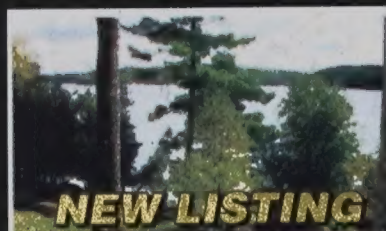
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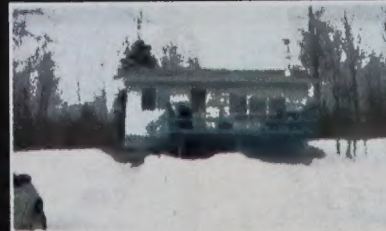
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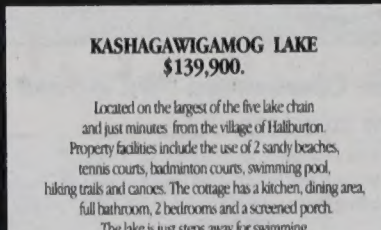
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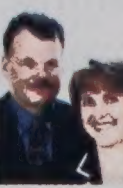
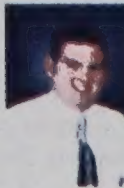
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Right: Kaitlin Allore, assistant coach Shelby Perrin and captain Erica McMartin cheer on ASES basketball teammates during the tournament the school hosted Thursday. Below (left to right): Marcy Dick is chased on a break-away attempt; Joss Allison fends off Langton players to maintain control; and Erin Pottier eyes up her shot around a defender's screen.

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The 2005-2006 Tri-County Atoms are: back row from left, trainer Doug Schell, coach David Chapman, and assistant coach Steve Wilcox; middle row Matthew Besner, Julia Fedeski, Tyler Stamp, Cody Withey and Liam Wilcox; front row Connor Bird, Matt Chapman, Braydon Frost, Spencer Hicks, Mac Monk-Cray. Absent: manager Mark Penman and teammate John Mark Penman. Photo submitted.

Tri-County Atoms finish season third

by DAVID CHAPMAN
Special to the Times

This past season for the Tri-County Atoms was exciting and successful. The first 22 games saw the team finishing third place out of 13 teams (three of which were A teams) with only five points difference between first and third.

At the end of 22 games, the teams are divided into two different divisions. The Storm was placed in the top division with teams from Cannington, Bobcaygeon, Ops, Fenelon Falls,

and Manvers. The end of these 12 games found the Storm Tri-County Atoms in first place with a one point advantage over the team from Manvers. This set into motion the championship round with Manvers and the Storm playing off the best of 7 games or first to 8 points.

Game 1 saw the Storm coming home from Manvers with a one-game lead from a 1-0 overtime win.

Game 2 again saw the Storm take the game, this time at home see MANVERS page 13



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Manvers takes home Tri-County championship

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with a 2-1 Victory.

Game 3, with the Storm wanting to take a three-game lead over Manvers, the opponent team came to town and put the Storm back on their heels, winning over the Storm 3-1.

An early morning game in Manvers arena saw the Manvers team tie the series two games a piece with a 3-2 win over the

Storm in Game 4.

Another exciting game saw a 1-1 tie at the end of a five-minute overtime giving five points to each team after Game 5.

With five points each in the series, it was now down to the best of three. A fabulous game in Manvers saw the Storm down 7-5 points as the Manvers team took Game 6.

The Storm hosted Manvers in

Haliburton for Game 7. The Storm was eager to send the series to Game 8. The Storm came out strong.

The end of the first brought no scoring for either team. The second period saw Manvers score two goals but nearing the end of the second period the Storm closed the gap.

The third period saw no scoring right up to the end. The storm decided to pull its

goalie, only to see Manvers, once again score on an open net to end the game 3-1 for Manvers. Manvers took home the Tri-County Championship.

It was a great season.

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U-links can help people define their research questions or service placements and actively promote the project to students and faculty. It takes care of the details involved in setting up and maintaining relationships with students and faculty and provide some funding for transportation for students as well as access to computers, phones, fax, and internet through our office in Minden.

On March 1 U-links hosted a community "Working Breakfast." Twenty-four people from a variety of organizations gathered at the Village Chalet in Minden to learn more about U-links and to discuss research and service needs in Haliburton County.

With representation from the social, environmental, cultural, and economic sectors in attendance, a wide range of topics were discussed. Affordable housing, the needs of the tourism industry, lake planning and environmental education, as well as how the galleries and museums can work together were some of the ideas put forth as county-wide projects that university and college students could assist with.

The meeting resulted in a recommendation

that U-links bring together community leaders in each sector to keep the discussion flowing and process moving toward finding solutions to challenges in the community.

U-links is also hosting its Annual Celebration of Research on April 8 from 1-4 p.m. at the Delta Pinestone. This event is open to all community members who are interested in learning about research being done in Haliburton County.

Student and local organizations' research will be on display in the Clansman Room at the Pinestone for observation. Researchers will be available for questions and discussion throughout the afternoon as well.

This year returning Ashley Fellow, Randy Stoecker, will be joining us. Stoecker visited Haliburton in the fall of 2005 and engaged community organizations in a meeting to discuss the potential and benefits of community-based research. He will be delivering a keynote address at the Celebration of Research on: *Dating to Marriage: The Opportunities and Challenges of Long-Term University Commitment to Community*. Stoecker's talk will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m.

If you would like to know more about U-links or be part of future events please feel free to contact Heather Reid at the U-Links Centre, by phone 286-2411 or by e-mail ulinks@on.aibn.com. For general information about U-Links and the Community-Based Education Program, visit www.ulinks.ca.

CAREER & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



For The Health Of The Highlands

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**Management Position
MANAGER OF PATIENT CARE**

The HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES (Haliburton and Minden Hospitals) is seeking a dynamic, creative nurse leader with demonstrated commitment to provide leadership in the direction and support for the day-to-day operations and facilitate the ongoing development of department staff, as well as responsible for meeting the planning objectives of the Department. The person we are seeking will ensure that the activities of Haliburton and Minden Hospitals are directed towards attainment of corporate goals, quality services and responsiveness. The successful candidate will effectively implement and maintain outstanding Human Resource systems and clinical practices, build an effective team and foster a positive work environment within the department. This leader will be responsible to recruit, retain, lead and mentor professional staff and be a liaison with physicians and the HHHS management team, in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for our clients and patients.

Qualifications

University Degree in nursing

Current RN Certificate of Competence from the College of Nurses of Ontario
Three to five years management experience preferred. Clinical/management experience related to Emergency Services preferred.

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Excellent critical thinking and problem solving skills required

Excellent human resources management and leadership skills

Excellent verbal and communication skills

Excellent organizational skills and ability to manage continually changing priorities
Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work effectively with administration, management team, Board of Directors, charge nurses, staff, physicians and the community

Excellent knowledge of program planning, development and evaluation

Demonstrated ability to achieve goals and objectives within specified time frames
Good computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft WORD, Excel,

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Demonstrated conflict resolution and crisis management skills

Demonstrated commitment to continuing education

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Position to commence ASAP. Application deadline April 14/06.

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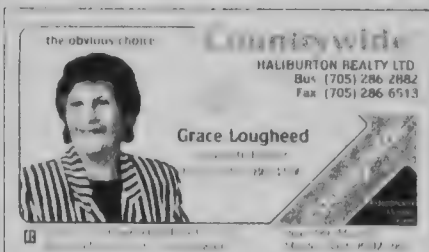
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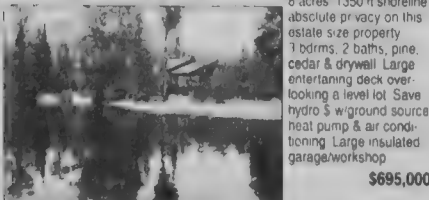
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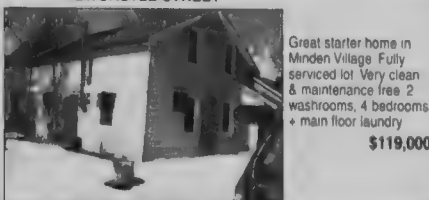


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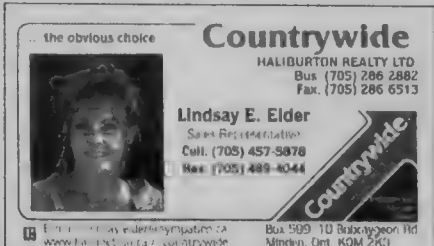
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Turkeys coming out to Legion's Easter bingo



AROUND THE TOWN

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Harbinger, a great word, is often used referring to early signs of Spring's welcome approach. According to Webster's *New World Dictionary*, harbinger had formerly been applied more in a military sense but is now used more frequently to describe "a person or thing that comes before to announce or give an indication of what follows." Here at the old farmhouse our harbingers include an advance party of two robins, three Canada geese and four mallard ducks checking out the pond while in the garden beds shoots of rhubarb and flower bulbs are once again forcing up through the still hardened soil. Today an early morning phone call from an excited granddaughter announced that she had received an acceptance package from Queen's University. Wherever life leads Emma, at this time Queen's remains the forerunner on her list of choices and, indeed, this package but a harbinger of the great adventure to follow.

The Kinmount Legion is holding a special Easter bingo this Friday, April 7 at 6:45 p.m. with lots of turkeys, hams, cash prizes, specials and a jackpot. In appreciation of its players the Legion will provide a complimentary snack/luncheon during the break.

Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, April 12 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (back door). Speaker Ray Miller, author of *Coal Oil Lights to Satellites*, was born in a house on a dirt road between Minden and Kinmount. His book covers actual events based entirely on his memories and family diaries. Times were tough but the family got by and there was always a trace of humour to cheer them on. Doors open at 6 p.m. and Ray will speak at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge for what promises to be a most entertaining evening. For more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

Members of the Kinmount and District Lions Club will be holding a Tag Day in support of the CNIB on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch for these community volunteers in front of Kinmount Foodtown and in the parking lot of the LCBO store on Main Street. The Lions Club is to be congratulated on all of its endeavours for our local community and beyond.

All of our area churches will be offering special services over Easter weekend, April 14 to 16. As times vary, for specific information do call the churches directly. At Kinmount United Church Sunday services are held weekly at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Desmond Howard leading the Palm Sunday Service on April 9 and Rev. Paul Irwin on Easter Sunday morning.

Now for the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

March 28 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the high scores was Marjorie Paradis 305 then Albert Foster 289 and Trudy Kroes 273. Gala Stamp, Helen Luffman and Albert Foster took the moonshots while Verna McDonald, Elva Paisley, Maria Tschida and Rose Isaacson won the draws.

March 28 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: Top team members were Helen Skelding and Grace Barrack at 386 with the combo of Colleen Davison and Sandy Poulton next at 333. Third place winners were Laura Carnegie and Jim Meadows at 302 with the afternoon's low of 211 recorded by Marj Hamilton and Cliff Davison.

March 28 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Barb Carpenter reports the Dorothy McElwain and Eleanor Young had the men/ladies' high scores with Hazel Benetin and Gala Stamp taking the lows. Mary Wilkins won for lone hands and Harold Harvie was the special draw winner.

March 28 contract bridge at Stanhope: First place went to Jean Jackson at 5910 followed by Stella McMillan 4350 then Bill Strype and Ray Moore tied for third spot at 4230. Pearl Foster won the lucky draw, Dorothy Strype received the Shiny Penny and Jean Jackson was given the Q.J.R.S. Special Award recognizing that Queen Jean Reigns Supreme.

March 29 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell system Diana Spicer and Ross Fletcher were first at 61% with Norma Crewson and Bruce Armstrong second at 54% and Ev Vanderland partnered with Rita Lockhart third at 52%.

March 29 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Pauline Franzen was high and Emily Harvie low while Thelma Francis took high man and Mike St. Thomas low.

Thelma Francis also won for lone hands with our reporter Theresa Deak winning the draw.

March 29 bid euchre at Stanhope: Percy Butler, Barb Robitaille and Jean Dutka took the moonshots with Sharon Evans first for the pinks at 309, Marj Coffey second at 288 and Trudy Kroes 269 third. Rob Evans led the whites at 314 then Percy Butler 257 and Pat Scadden 255.

March 30 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand honours went to Margaret Fletcher and Jim Bradbury with Shirley Milne and Laura Carnegie capturing the evening's high scores and Kay Orr along with Bob Pollard the lows. Other prizes went to Kevin Maloney, Shirley Milne, Jesse Barlow, Roy Knapton and Hazel Dorman. Thanks to May Bradbury for this update.

March 31 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell system Ross Fletcher and Harold Cox teamed up for first at 64% followed by Joan Galley and Diana Spicer 60% and Bill Sandford partnered with Reet Murray 59%.

March 31 bid euchre at Club 35: Willie Cox, Mary Pearson and Helen Windsor joined Sharon and Rob Evans in the moonshot quintet while Chris Clarke held the hidden score. Reporter Mary Pearson topped the pink chart at 293 then Jean Scadden 260 and Verna McDonald 246. Leading the whites was Rob Evans 352 with Dick Coffey 283 second and Pat Scadden 250 third.

April 1 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Single moonshots went to Albert Foster and Helen Henderson with Theresa Deak taking two. Elli Langpohl led the pinks at 262 with Gala Stamp 239 second and Jean Scadden 229 third. First for the whites at 248 was Helen Henderson then Albert Foster a close second at 247 and Kevin Maloney 232 third. The draws went to Verna McDonald, Helen Luffman and Theresa Deak.

April 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: High score holder was Grant Lees with Pauline Franzen taking the second high slot. Moonshots went to Marjorie Paradis and Dana Briscoe along with Theresa and John Deak while Thelma Francis won the draw.

April 3 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: In the lone hands column it was Gala Stamp and Lorne Dinesen with Lois Adamson and Laura Carnegie recording the afternoon's highs. The Club welcomed back Julie Keberer who shared low hand honours with Mabel Deacon and a special prize with Bill Mosley. Special thoughts go out from their many friends to Betty and Tim on the loss of Betty's mother.

April 3 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Albert Foster won for lone hands, Gala Stamp for high hands, Helen Skelding for low hands and Pat Bailey for the special draw.

April 3 cribbage at Minden Legion: Elva Paisley reports that Edith Burch was first, Don Burch second and Verna McDonald third. The draws went to Joe Rivers, Pat Scadden, Tom Grix, Eileen Shapiera and Laura Carnegie.

April 3 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Jean Dutka with our reporter Garth Windsor taking home the baloney. High scores were recorded by Mavis Ryalen and Cliff Davison with Mavis also receiving a prestigious special award. The evening's lows went to Linda Voicey and Lorne Dinesen.

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Qualifications

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- Five years' administrative experience in the health care sector preferred. Demonstrated clinical expertise in a variety of clinical areas
- Demonstrated knowledge of Standards of Practice in Nursing
- CHA Management Program or equivalent an asset
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The sun is out and so are the members of the Algonquin Highlands Walking Trails Committee. Although the first work party training day of the season was not to have taken place until April 22, the weather was just too nice for members to resist. Swinging into maintenance mode, they were out on the trails last weekend.

Karen Hoover of Trails and Tours laughed, "It's hard to hold Peter Brogden back from getting a jump start, what with the weather being so nice."

Trails getting special attention were the Crests of Kennis Trail, one of the newer trails which joins up with the Circuit of Five Viewpoints Trail and the Algonquin Highlands Ridge Trail. In all, 13 people came out to enjoy the day and the company of fellow workers. Hoover pointed out, "Some of us worked in shirt sleeves it was so warm, which seemed a little strange given the amount of snow still on the ground."

The walking trails organization has set up a stewardship program with a trail steward or captain for each trail or segment of trail, if a trail is particularly long. Each steward is responsible for general maintenance and for reporting larger concerns to Trails and Tours so that a special

work party can be put together to tackle the larger jobs. This necessitates having a broad volunteer base so that problems on the trails can be addressed in a timely fashion.

If anyone is interested in coming out to work with trail maintenance workers, please call Karen Hoover at 489-4049. This is also a wonderful opportunity for senior students interested in the outdoors to fulfill their volunteer hour requirements for their diplomas. The outings are always a lot of fun with members usually adjourning to The Mill Pond Restaurant to satisfy appetites made keen by all that fresh air.

Plans are being made to organize a work party for the Dorset Trail in the next month.

If you would be interested in taking part, call Trails and Tours. More information will also be posted in this column.

The following information is worth repeating. How many dog owners consider the Highlands "country" as opposed to "the city" and thus turn their dogs loose to run wherever they wish? This often results in the animals leaving deposits or havoc on the property of others. In The Minden Times last week, when writing about wild dogs in the Algonquin Highlands area, Bryn Weese pointed out, "Mitch O'Grady, a bylaw enforcement officer with Algonquin Highlands, says that there is a municipal bylaw for dogs running at large. The owner, if found, can be charged with a \$125 fine for a first offence. The fine,

says O'Grady, can rise to \$5,000 for additional offences that need to be tried in a court of law. Dogs caught running at large without a collar are taken to the pound in Huntsville."

The municipality of Algonquin Highlands is notifying all ratepayers about the 2006 Household Hazardous Waste Days. The following dates and locations have been announced. May 20 at Maple Lake Landfill, July 1 at Dorset Landfill, August 5 at Oxtongue Landfill, September 2 at Dorset Landfill and October 14 at Maple Lake Landfill.

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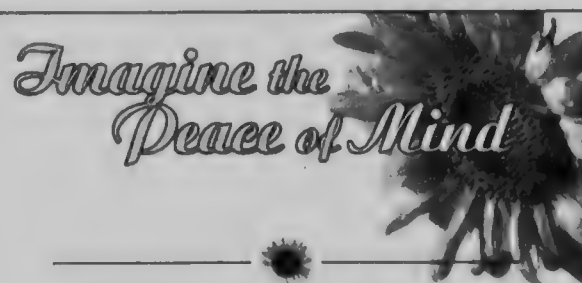
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Michele, Kala and The Journeaux family wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the following OPP Officers Nathan Semach, Terry Allore and Robin Carmount, George Sharp and The Stanhope Fire Department, St. Georges, ACW, and the many friends for their support during our time of need.

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MOORE, Edith Rosa (nee Fisher) - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home in Minden on Monday, April 3, 2006. In her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Donald Moore, dear mother of Betty and her husband Tim Sharpe of Minden, Lillian and her husband Emile Zidichouski of Kanata, and Robert (Bob) Moore and his wife Nadia of Beijing, China. Loving grandmother of Kevin, Christopher, Kimberley, Dawn, Leah and Carlo and six great grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Laura, Kyra and Jenna, Jocelyn and Trevor. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, 127 Main St., Minden (or online www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Friday, April 14, 2006 from 4:00-7:00 pm. Memorial Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Paul's Anglican Church or to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary.

10112229

SISSON, Wesley - (Retired Ontario Hydro) At Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home, Minden on Friday morning, March 31, 2006 in his 86th year. Beloved husband of the late Audrey Smith. Loving father of Paul (Sharon) of Bracebridge, Ruth McKnight (Everett), David (Jennifer), Robert "Bob" (Debbie) all of Minden. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Donna Lee, Dwight (Donna), Debbie Kaye (Andrew Joice), Dean (Jenny), Elaine, Annette (Bill Nelson), Colin, Michelle (Corey Davis), Jeffery (Jenni), Gregory, Barry (Joanne), Shane, Tanya (Kirk McDuff), Tara and Shauna, Ashleigh, his great grandchildren Kyla, Allyssa, Caitlin, Madison, Tayler, Maggie, Zachary, Jesse, Jacob, Carson, Mackenzie, Dawson, Danaya and his step grandchildren Jessica and Derek. Dear Brother of Les, Gerald, Carl, John, Ron, and Betty. Predeceased by his son Murray, his brothers Cecil and Ray and sisters, Doris, Violet and Shirley. Also fondly remembered by Mary Walling. Friends may call at the **Haliburton Community Funeral Home** Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon April 2, 2006 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Monday afternoon, April 3, 2006 at 2 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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Card of thanks

SAMELLS - The Family of the late Gordon McDonald Samells would like to express our sincere thanks to family and friends for the memorial donations, cards, letters, flowers, visits and phone calls of support we received following the loss of our much loved father. Thanks to the Para-Med staff who provided home support, and to the nursing staff at Ross Memorial Hospital on the Medical and Palliative Care units for making Dad's last days so comfortable. Thanks also to the Gordon Monk Funeral Home for their support, and to Rev. Max Ward for his kind words at the service.

A special thank you to the neighbours in Minden whose frequent visits, and help with maintaining the house and yard made it possible for our father to remain in his home into the last week of his life. One final huge thank you to Rose Schuitemaker, caregiver and housekeeper to first our mother and then our father, whose role evolved from employee, to friend, to a special member of the family. Thank you.

- Karen Ross and Barry Samells

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In memoriam

ARBOUR, Denis Roy - (Apr. 7, 1982 - Feb. 4, 2005). **NELSON, Violet "Nana"** - (Apr. 7, 1910 - July 12, 2005).

For 22 years they blew out the candles on their birthday cake together, they shared a special bond.

As their day approaches, we are told to remember all the happy times of past birthdays when we were all together, we do, that's what make the loss so great.

For us there is a terrible heartache knowing we won't have that again.

But we can take comfort in knowing that Denis and Nana are sharing this special day together again, and we would hope, blowing out their candles on their biggest birthday cake yet.

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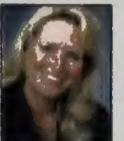
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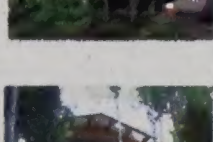


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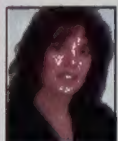
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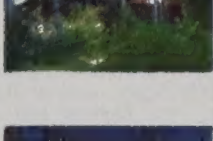


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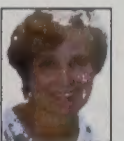
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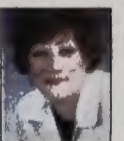
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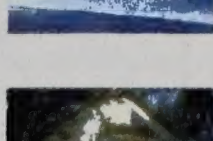


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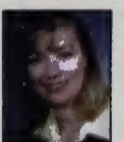
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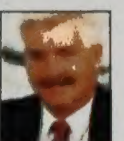
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